

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [040], with the following amended paragraph.

**[040]** After the first amplification step, the *AHAS3* amplification reaction product or mixture is purified to remove the *AHAS3*-specific amplification primers. Any ~~or~~ of the purification methods described above may be used for this step. Preferably, Exonuclease I is used to remove the *AHAS3* amplification primers.